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1. POST'S REFTEL DISCUSSED HOTEL SHORTAGE OF HAJ SEASON. IT IS NOW OBVIOUS THAT THERE WILL BE NO LET-UP ON THE STRAIN AND COMPETITION FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN JIDDA, RIYADH, OR DHAHRAN FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. AT THE PRESENT TIME, AT LEAST ONE MONTH'S NOTICE IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS IN ANY OF THE KINGDOM'S HOTELS.

2. THE EMBASSY FINDS IT MUST NOW GUARANTEE PAYMENT OF ROOMS IF HOTELS ARE TO CONFIRM RESERVATIONS FOR U.S.G. OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATS. IT IS THEREFORE IMPERATIVE THAT THE EMBASSY BE ADVISED AT LEAST ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE OF THE FIRM ITINERARY OF VISITORS IF WE ARE TO HOPE ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS. IF TRAVEL PLANS CHANGE, THE EMBASSY MUST BE NOTIFIED AT ONCE. IF CHANGES IN ITINERARY OCCUR WITHIN A MONTH OF ARRIVAL, IT CAN BE ASSUMED THAT NO HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

3. WE SEEK THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN CAREFULLY PLANNING THE TRAVEL OF OFFICIALS TO SAUDI ARABIA IN VIEW
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